

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



September 22, 2003

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 21 OF THE 2003 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: September 22, 3PM - Fall harvest is in all stages. There were 6 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 1% very short, 21% short, 71% adequate, and 7% surplus.

CROPS: Harvest is winding up for corn, in full swing for sorghum, rice, and soybeans, and beginning for cotton. Producers are applying cotton defoliate to prepare fields for harvest. Where needed, late soybeans are being irrigated for the last time. Apples are also being harvested, and pumpkin crops are being monitored.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported to be in good condition. Producers are harvesting last hay cuttings, beginning to overseed pastures with winter annuals, and working cattle.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN									
Harvested	89	77	84	91					
SOYBEANS					2	7	27	43	21
Yellowing	45	33	49	39					
Shedding	28	20	33	36					
Matured*	20	15	20	n/a					
Harvested	13	9	11	10					
SORGHUM									
Matured	98	97	96	95					
Harvested	78	63	80	81					
COTTON					1	6	25	51	17
Opening Bolls	77	63	84	86					
Harvested	5	1	3	9					
RICE					1	2	20	48	29
Harvested	58	32	52	58					
WHEAT									
Planted	1	1	2	1					
HAY - OTHER					0	7	34	53	6
HAY - ALFALFA					0	5	40	53	2
PASTURE & RANGE .					0	9	32	51	8

*Soybeans matured data begins with 2002.

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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September 21, 2003. Temperatures were below normal. Light showers over the weekend. Eudora recorded the high temperature of 91⁰ and Calico Rock recorded the low temperature of 38⁰. No precipitation reported.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: September 21, 2003

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING SEP 21	CURR SEP ACCUM.	SEP NORMAL	JAN-AUG	
							2003	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	82	41	-5	0.00	2.87	4.83	25.31	29.51
Harrison	84	45	-5	0.00	3.20	4.03	23.63	29.08
2 Calico Rock	87	38	-6	0.00	3.03	4.08	29.20	29.37
Gilbert	86	42	-7	0.00	2.14	3.73	26.36	28.60
Greers Ferry	85	51	-6	0.00	3.04	4.10	38.61	32.15
Mountain Home	86	47	-4	0.00	1.40	4.33	28.33	28.51
3 Batesville	85	49	-5	0.00	4.69	3.58	46.09	30.45
Jonesboro	86	50	-6	0.00	2.19	3.12	37.36	29.90
Keiser	88	51	-4	0.00	2.18	3.65	33.36	33.10
Newport	88	50	-6	0.00	1.73	3.49	43.16	31.37
4 Booneville	88	48	-4	0.00	1.93	4.04	21.92	30.50
Clarksville	87	52	-3	0.00	1.71	3.88	25.21	29.53
Dardanelle	87	52	-3	0.00	3.40	3.56	22.02	31.18
Ft. Smith	88	51	-3	0.00	1.99	3.61	20.34	28.13
Mena	85	49	-4	0.00	3.77	5.07	27.24	36.74
Ozark	85	50	-6	0.00	3.76	3.70	26.85	28.63
5 Conway	85	53	-6	0.00	3.90	3.71	40.97	30.90
Hot Springs	88	50	-6	0.00	4.90	4.05	33.37	36.94
Little Rock	88	56	-4	0.00	3.39	3.71	27.35	32.53
N Little Rock	89	59	-2	0.00	3.33	3.53	27.22	31.58
6 Brinkley	88	54	-4	0.00	2.20	3.02	25.83	33.08
Marianna	88	55	-4	0.00	2.20	3.16	26.28	35.21
Stuttgart	90	53	-4	0.00	2.36	2.86	30.30	30.30
7 Hope	87	54	-4	0.00	2.32	4.06	30.91	34.94
Texarkana	88	58	-4	0.00	3.25	3.40	24.33	29.94
8 Camden	87	56	-2	0.00	5.08	3.60	29.63	34.72
El Dorado	88	54	-4	0.00	3.14	3.29	27.40	36.89
Warren	87	53	-4	0.00	2.49	3.71	32.05	36.68
9 Eudora	91	55	-2	0.00	2.35	2.71	32.07	38.85
Pine Bluff	88	55	-4	0.00	3.00	3.20	30.69	34.51
Rohwer	90	54	-3	0.00	2.67	2.91	31.08	34.70